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Method for determining 3D position of remote control

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Introduction

It has in recent years become possible to direct sound produced by ordinary speakers in a given direction by performing suitable alterations of the sound signal. One application of this is directing the sound from a hi-fi sound system towards the listener wherever he may be located. This is vital for producing the correct stereo effect, for instance. The need for determining the position of the listener is evident.

We propose a method for determining the position of a remote control, for electronic equipment such as sound systems, TV sets, and other applications operated by a remote control. This method applies equally well if a device similar in function to a remote control is used.

One particular application of this invention is the locating of the position of the listener in three dimensional space, provided that the listener is close to the remote control.

The determination of position is done by measuring the signals produced by the remote control. By comparing the signal intensity from the remote control at different points on the remotely controlled apparatus the direction and distance of the remote control can be found.

Description of the invention

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The method might use the signals already encoded in the remote control and/or the existing electronic equipment, such as diodes and photo diode, or the method might require new signals and/or electronic equipment to be implemented.

Suggestion for hierarchy of claims

1. A method for determining the three dimensional position of a remote control or device of the like, with respect to an apparatus, comprising:
 - (a) a remotely controlled apparatus,
 - (b) a remote control,
 - (c) a number of receivers.

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